

## Andrew Jackson to James H. Witherspoon, August 11, 1824, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO JAMES H. WITHERSPOON.1

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Nashville, August 11, 1824.

*D'r Sir*, your letter of the 24th ult. is Just recd; and altho an entire stranger to you feel a lively interest in your prosperity and that of your family your lady being the decendant of a distant relation by marriage, I mean your Ladies mother.

I have had a great wish to revisit my native State, and once more mingle with those friends of my Juvenile days who may still be living; but I have been hitherto prevented by circumstances over which I had no controle; and I am now prevented from accepting the opportunity that the friendly invitation of my fellow Citizens through you would now afford—for many reasons unnessary now to enumerate; next Spring may afford me an opportunity with my family of Vissitting the country that gave me birth, when it will afford me much pleasure, and when I shall avail myself of the pleasure of seeing you and your family at your own house; and offering up a prayer for that son of yours, that you have honoured me with his name, that he may long live and be a blessing to his parents in their old age.

As to the question asked, I with pleasure answer, I was born in So Carolina, as I have been told at the plantation whereon James Crawford lived about one mile from the Carolina road of the Waxhaw Creek, left that State in 1784, was born on the 15 of march in the year 1767. I am truly happy to learn, at what house my Mother died, I knew she died near charleston, having vissitted that City with several matrons to afford relief to

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our prisoners with the British—not her son as you suppose, for at that time my two Elder brothers were no more; but two of her Nephews, William and Joseph Crawford Sons of James Crawford then deceased. I well recollect one of the matrons that went with her was Mrs. Boyd. It is possible Mrs. Barton can inform me where she was buried that I can find her grave, This to me would be great satisfaction, that I might collect her bones and inter them with that of my father and brothers.

I offer you my thanks for the Political information your letter has afforded. present me affectionately to your Lady, kiss my namesake for me; and accept assurances of my high respect and regard

yr mo obdt Servt.